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Amendment/Reply to Office Action

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply in the above-identified application in response to the Office  
Action dated 14 September 1999.

Please add the following claims:

14. The system of claim 2, further including:  
a third appliance having a second alarm activation processor, operably coupled to  
the status reporter, for receiving the status and effecting a second alarm response  
dependent on the status and dependent upon a second rule base associated with the  
appliance.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein  
the second alarm response is also dependent upon a status of the second  
appliance.
16. The system of claim 14, wherein  
the second rule base corresponds to the first rule base.

REMARKS

Claims 14, 15, and 16 have been added to further distinctly claim and particularly  
point out the subject matter that the Applicant regards as the invention. These claims find  
support at page 6, line 24 through page 7, line 6 of the Applicant's specification.